

REMARKS

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lin* (U.S. Patent No. 6,839,860) in view of *Yee* (U.S. Patent No. 6,529,057). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Lin discloses a clock generator comprising a master delay locked loop and a slave DLL. The Examiner states that Applicant's claimed control circuit is disclosed in *Lin* at 156 of Fig. 2. However, this reference number is not disclosing a circuit as claimed by Applicant.

Applicant's claimed control circuit generates both a mode control signal and a delay control signal. Reference 156 of Fig. 2 in *Lin* is simply a select signal. No circuit is shown or described for generating this signal (see col. 3, lines 14 – 22).

Additionally, Applicant's control circuit generates more than just the mode control but also the delay control signal that is used to select amongst a plurality of different delay clock signals. Since *Lin* does not disclose an option to select from a plurality of different delayed clock signals, only a CLK90 signal is described, this claimed feature cannot even be suggested as desirable by *Lin*. Therefore, even though *Yee* discloses a multiplexer 82 for selecting amongst a plurality of delayed signals 84, 86, 88, there is no motivation to combine this circuit with *Lin* since there is no teaching on how these signals would be selected.

Even if it were obvious to combine *Yee* with *Lin*, and Applicant maintains that it is not, the combination still would not produce Applicant's invention as claimed. *Yee* also does not teach or suggest a control circuit that generates both a mode control signal and a delay control signal. *Yee* simply shows a "SEL" signal but does not disclose a circuit from which this signal is generated.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any further fees deemed necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501373.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 312-2211.

Respectfully submitted,

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